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Woman Charged With Killing Infant Son

A 21-year-old woman has been charged with murder after her less than 1-month-old son allegedly died from injuries reportedly inflicted by his mother, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Calixta Landa (dob 12/8/94) of Los Angeles pleaded not guilty yesterday to two felony counts in case VA142404: murder and assault on a child causing death. She is currently in custody on \$2 million bail.

Prosecutors said on July 14 family members reportedly observed the child pale and limp in his bassinette.

According to prosecutors, the baby was taken to a local hospital where medical officials determined that the child was underweight and suffering from multiple injuries.

Two days later, the infant was pronounced dead, prosecutors said.

On July 15, Landa was arrested in connection with the infant's injuries and she was subsequently charged on July 19.

The defendant is scheduled to return to court on Aug. 2 for a preliminary hearing setting in Department J at the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Norwalk Branch.

If convicted as charged, she faces a maximum possible sentence of 25 years to life in state prison.

The case is being investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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